

**REMARKS**

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application, as amended.

Without concession as to the propriety of the outstanding rejection, Applicants have amended the independent claims to more particularly recite certain features of the invention.

Specifically, Claim 9 has been amended to state that the BIOS initiates the callup function, which resides at an address of the partition, the startup function calls the automatic repair function.... Independent Claim 16 has been amended to recite that the mounting of the operating system is based on a call from the automatic repair function which is called by a startup function residing in the partition. Support for these amendments can at least be found on pages 1 and 4 of the specification.

As previously discussed, none of the cited references teach or suggest the claimed combination of features.

With all outstanding rejections having been overcome, Applicants respectfully request the application be passed to issue.

Should the Examiner believe that any further action is necessary to place this application in better form for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' representative at the telephone number listed below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 50-1165 (T2147-907310) any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by

this paper and to credit any overpayment to that Account. If any extension of time is required in connection with the filing of this paper and has not been separately requested, such extension is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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